

Lexington County **Green** Business Certification Program

Lexington County

Solid Waste Management and Public Works

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Who Can Participate?

**Any workplace, organization,
business, non-profit, office, school,
or congregation.**



Certification Areas



- **Waste Reduction/Recycling**



- **Energy Efficiency**



- **Water Conservation**



- **Air Quality**



How Does It Work?

- Application
- Set goals
- Establish **Green** Team
- Meet goals and earn 10 **green** points
- Self -certify goals are being met
- Recognition
- Yearly report certifying membership
- Continuous membership
- **Green** Business Member/Certified



Application/Set Goals

Businesses must submit an application outlining its **green** goals.



Establish A **Green** Team

Each **Green** Business Member is required to establish an internal **Green** Team. The **Green** Team will ensure that the organization is meeting its **green** goals and serve as the liaison to Project Coordinators. It can consist of 1 person or 10!



Green Points

- 10 **green** points must be achieved in one of the four areas to be considered a **Green** Business Member in a specific area.
- Each step that is taken is given a 2, 4, or 6 point value. All the steps taken in one area must equal 10 points.
- We have created help sheets as guidance, but the possibilities are endless.



Example: Waste Reduction and Recycling

- Recycle cardboard and paper (4 pts)
- Installed hand dryers in the bathrooms (2 pts)
- Buys recycled trash can liners (4 pts)

This business would qualify as a **Green**
Business Member in the area of
waste reduction and recycling.



Self-Certification

Once a business has implemented the steps necessary to achieve 10 **green** points, the owner, CEO or president must send a letter to the county certifying completion and request to be a **Green** Business Member.



Recognition

Lexington County **Green** Business Members will be recognized by the following:

- Decal for window
- Recognition in front of County Council
- Listed on County website
- Certificate



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Green Business Member



Recycling
Reduction



Energy
Efficient



Water
Wise



Air
Aware



*This seal will
be provided
to businesses
to display in
the window*



Continuous Membership/ Yearly Report

Membership in the Lexington County **Green** Business Program is continuous. Each year participants will be required to submit a report indicating that 10 **green** points are still being earned.



Lexington County Green Business Member

Lexington County Certified Green Business

VS.

**10 points in one, two, or three
areas.**

10 points in all four areas.

**Must maintain current steps
each year.**

**Implement one new step each
year.**



Charter Member

If your business is already “**green**”, you may be eligible to be a **Green** Business Charter Member.

If you are already taking steps that equal 10 **green** points in just one area and submit your application in November, you can receive this special recognition.





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Green Business Membership Application

This form must accompany a signed statement by the CEO, President, or Owner on company letterhead.

1. Company Name: _____
2. Contact Person: _____
3. Mailing Address: _____
City: _____, SC Zip Code: _____
4. Phone Number: _____
5. Email Address: _____
6. Website Address: _____
7. What does your company do? Give a brief description of your business so we can accurately list your business on the green business website.

8. Can other businesses contact you for ideas and suggestions?

☐ Yes ☐ No
9. List the members of your Green Team?

Mission: Provide quality services to our citizens at a reasonable cost
Vision: Planned growth for our communities with abundant opportunities for all in a quality environment.

A graphic showing a small globe of the Earth resting on a large green leaf. The leaf is positioned diagonally across the frame. In the background, there are faint, curved green lines that sweep across the page.

Application

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